

November & December 2023

1. PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs, Learning Opportunities, Outreach and Events

Highlights:

- On December 2, the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted its Happy Holiday Party. Coordinated by Librarian Laura Scott, visitors decorated their own tree cupcakes, created wintry crafts, and gathered in the children's area to visit Santa. They also enjoyed holiday-themed treats, music, and party games. Over 70 patrons took part in the fun and festive activities. On December 21, The Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library celebrated the holidays with the Holiday magic of Chris Johnson.







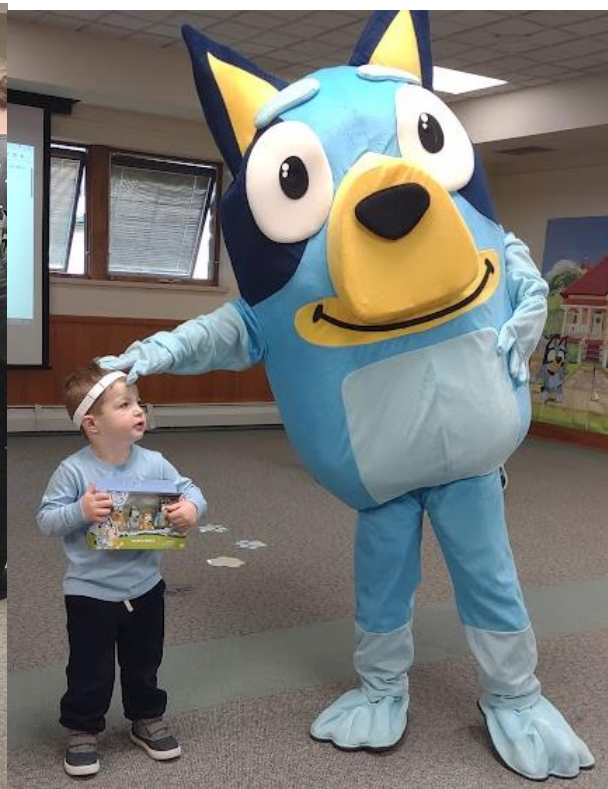
- On December 6, Jewish Family Services provided a services orientation program at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library for newly arrived refugees from Ukraine. Immigration Services, Lawyers and staff from the Jewish Family Services greeted over 30 refugees and helped them sign up for assistance to help their transition to our country.
- On December 9, Constitutional scholar and lecturer Thomas Dunning presented an objective look at Article V of the US Constitution and how it relates to States law and why our founding Fathers included it in the US Constitution.
- On November 11, The Anna Reinstein Memorial Library hosted the B&ECPL sponsored Book a Technology Trainer program. During this program a B&ECPL technology trainer visited the library to conduct one-hour one-on-one sessions with four pre-registered patrons. The patrons were able to draw upon the trainer's knowledge to get answers to their individual questions about eReaders, smartphones, and other types of personal electronic technology.
- On November 18, Librarian Christine Webb coordinated — SpaceCRAFT Designers presented by UB Information & Library Science student, Anna Stark, as part of the requirements for her course of study. At the beginning of the program, library materials on NASA and space exploration were made available. Anna Stark presented a three-minute book talk on *Hidden Figures* (J-nonfiction).

She then invited children in attendance to construct paper rockets and launch them using the library air-powered launcher. Adults assisted their children with construction as needed.

- On November 29, Librarian Christine Webb coordinated A Bluey Bash Party for young readers at the Anna Reinstein Library. “Bluey” is an immensely popular children’s television character loved by younger audiences. The Bluey party included games, dancing, crafts and a chance to meet Bluey for pictures. Dozens of attendees joined Christine and Bluey for the event. Following on the popularity of the first Bluey event in the CPL the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library hosted a Bluey Bash on December 27. Organized by Children’s Librarian Kathy Goodrich, dozens of children and parents met Bluey for Photos, Crafts and a dance party.







- On Monday evenings throughout November and December, the Anna Reinstein Memorial Library hosted a series of Decision Points DUI workshops sponsored by Erie County Social Services, the Sheriff's Dept., and Probation Office. These workshops work with offenders convicted of driving under the influence and

focuses on helping them achieve and maintain abstinence while working toward clearing a suspended license.

- Cheektowaga Public Libraries continue their collaboration with the YES youth group which is run through the Town of Cheektowaga's Recreation Department. The teen volunteers helped coordinate youth programming (Lego Club and YES Craft Night) at both Libraries.
- Children's programming remains strong at both Libraries with Kathy Goodrich running the Story Time at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library and Christine Webb running the Night Owl Story Time and Early Bird Story time programs for preschoolers at Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library. Both bring in dozens of families for reading, crafts and other fun activities.
- Adult programming continues with "Next Chapter Book Club" hosted by Kathy Goodrich and adult crafting organized by Librarian Laura Scott.

2. Collections: Development and Use

(Weeding, displays, special collections, etc.) Include information about print, AV and digital content here

All staff are weeding and ordering for their respective collections.

Highlights:

3. Staff Development

- Throughout October, Matthew Best, Manager of the Anna M. Reinstein Memorial Library, coordinated interviews with applicants interested in the open part-time Clerk position. With interviews complete the position was offered to Lauryn Wise. An additional part time clerk position was open when Beverly Kupa resigned from her position at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. This position was relocated to the Anna M. Reinstein Library and choosing from the already interviewed applicants Joan Burch was hired. Both started in December.

Webinars/workshops/conferences.

Number of workshops/ webinars	Attending staff
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14	18
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4. OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Facilities:**
- Throughout November and December, both Cheektowaga Libraries have been freshening their look with new paint in both the public and staff areas.
- Shelving units at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library have been moved to create optimal sightlines from the Service desk and more space for the public to use as study locations.
- New podium is now available at JBR and new dry erase whiteboards have been added to both CPL locations.

6. Technology

Infrastructure, equipment, network, website enhancements, ILS, RFID

NA

7. Partnerships

- On November 17. Sr. Clerk Jill Todd and Director Caufield submitted receipts to the Town of Cheektowaga reimbursing both Libraries for 2023 programming expenses. A reimbursement check arrived December 1 for all incurred expenses.
- On November 28, Director Caufield signed the Enrichment Agreement between the Town of Cheektowaga and the Cheektowaga Libraries. The agreement partners the Cheektowaga Libraries with the Town's Department of Youth and Recreation Services providing funding for enriching activities to youth and families encouraging reading.
- All Cheektowaga staff are preparing for future programs, reconciling budgets and organizing staffing needed to provide in-library activities as well as outreach to the community.

8. Meetings / Future Planning / Special Projects

- November 8th: Dan Caufield spoke at a manager's meeting focused on the eclipse viewing and programming
- November 16th: Dan Caufield spoke at the Youth Services Meeting regarding the eclipse

- Eclipse glasses continue to be distributed, with the support of the Buffalo Science Museum.
- Daniel Caufield scheduled to feature at Straight Talk business conference on January 20th